

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A holographic data storage system having high recording density and compact memory architecture is disclosed. The system includes a laser light source, a spatial light modulator (40) for data input, a ~~beam splitter~~ mirror (50) for separating out part of the parallel laser beams as a reference beam, and a beam steering system (60). Parallel laser beams passing through the spatial light modulator (40) form a two-dimensional signal beam carrying digital data. Unique patterns are then generated from interference of the signal beam and the reference beam, which can be recorded into ~~the~~ a volume holographic medium (10) with unique incident position, angle and cross sectional phase distribution of reference beam.